

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
June 13th, 2016

### MINUTES

St. John's Properties  
1800 N. Prospect Ave  
1:00 PM

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the June meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:05pm.

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk Palec, John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh (via phone), Cheri McGrath, Sue Pickering, Kathy Zalewski

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Luis Arroyo, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Marcia Perkins, Meg Steimle, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Staff: Tim Ochnikowski

Guests: Tracy Harrington - MCTS

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May)

Hearing no corrections, additions or deletions, Commissioner Koss moved to approve the May minutes. Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as approved.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Tracy Harrington indicated that ADA boardings are up 6% over last year, in fact May went over 10,000 boardings for the 1st time ever. New Freedom rides are up 16% over last year. GoPass has passed 3 million rides provided and revenue is significantly down. Mr. Don Natzke's (Mobility Coordinator) last day at MTS is Wednesday. Interviews for the Mobility Coordinator position will be conducted soon. The Barrier Removal Coordinator position is currently open, will not be filled, and will be eliminated entirely. Discussion took place regarding the two positions at MTS, and the barrier removal program.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (May)

In addition to the monthly report that was included in the packet, Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that the 2017 budget request for the office and commission have been submitted. The City of Milwaukee has reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice regarding ADA deficits within the City that will need to be fixed. The office will be generating two charts each month that highlight the MCTS ADA Boarding patterns as well as the Paratransit Rides patterns. These charts will be shared via our social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter). If you're not following our social media accounts, please do so that you'll be able to get news / information on a daily basis, versus the monthly basis of the newsletters. Discussion took place regarding the City's ADA Coordinator potentially contacting the office for help with their DOJ settlement, the potential of the bike share program being a part of the City's 'accessible programs,' and potentially inviting the City's ADA Coordinator and/or representative to a commission meeting.

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Recreation Update: Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that Mr. Bonk is very heavily involved with summer camp preparation and training right now. The summer sailing sign-up is going well.



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Chairperson's Report: Chair Falk-Palec shared some information and articles regarding the bike share program in Portland. The links to the articles will be made available to the commissioners. Also shared was a letter to the Wauwatosa Mayor from the Wauwatosa Committee for Citizens with Disabilities asking the Mayor to be sure that the bike share program in Wauwatosa include alternate bike options for persons with disabilities. Discussion took place regarding bike share in Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, the commission priorities sheet regarding bike sharing program, a bike share survey, the Milwaukee Film Fest connecting with performing artists from Tap the Potential to work their performing art before shows.

**ITEM IX          OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**ITEM X          OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM XI          ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:11pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, July 11th, 2016 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission